

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the 100% Graduation Initiative.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those exemplary projects and initiatives that recognize that a well-educated society is at the heart of a thriving community and have committed themselves to raising educational achievement in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, launched on June 5, 2008 on the steps of the Montgomery County Courthouse, the 100% Graduation Initiative is one such commendable project, which is dedicated to helping each and every child in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System graduate from high school; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, over 100 businesses, governmental entities, civic organizations, and communities of faith have banded together to passionately pursue this extraordinary goal, including 5 Star Radio Group; Allen's Fireworks; Altra Federal Credit Union; APSU Admissions Office; APSU High School Upward Bound; APSU Office of Extended Education; APSU Student Athletic Advisory Council; Bank of America; Beck Communications; Beyond the Books; Bi-County Solid Waste Management; Brandon Technology; Bridgestone Metalpha USA; CDE Lightband; Chick-Fil-A, Madison Street Location; Christian Service Center; Clark and Associates Architects, Inc.; Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce; Clarksville Association of Realtors; Clarksville Area Ministerial Association; Clarksville Latina Association; Clarksville Area NAACP; Clarksville Pediatric Clinic; Clarksville Police Department; CM&H Realty; CMC Education Foundation; Cold Stone Creamery; Concord Baptist Church; Cornerstone Financial Credit Union; Crye Leike; Cumberland Bank & Trust; Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation; Cunningham, Mitchell & Ricconi; DBS Engineering; Delaney Educational Services; Deliverance Outreach Temple Church; DQ Grill & Chill; Draughons Junior

College; Dunn Insurance, Inc.; Eden Day Spa; Enterprise Rent-A-Car; ERA Chappell & Associates Realty, LLC; Exit Realty, Exit 1 Location; Faith Outreach Church; Fellowship United Methodist Church; First Missionary Baptist Church; Golden Rule Smokehouse Grill; Grace Church of the Nazarene; Grandma's House; Greater Missionary Baptist Church; Griffy Motor Company; H.O.P.E. (Hispanic Organization for Progress and Education); Hope Pregnancy Center; Iron Knights Youth Wrestling Club; Jenkins & Wynne Inc.; Joe Haley, Realtor with Keller-Williams; Joe Heitz, Toyota; Jostens; Kelly Services; Kennedy Law Firm; KFC, 41A Location; KFC/Taco Bell; KFC, Wilma Rudolph Location; Kohl's Department Store; Kroger, Madison Street Location; Kroger, St. Bethlehem Location; Latina Association; The Lawn Doctor; The Leaf-Chronicle; Lyle-Cook-Martin Architects; Madison Business Circle; Marshall's Hair Care; Mathews Nissan/Suzuki; MediaWorks; Montgomery County Government; Montgomery County Sheriffs Department; Montgomery County Trustee's Office; Mr. Militaria; Ms. Black Clarksville Committee; Neal-Tarpley Funeral Home; Nia Association; Parent Information Network; Planters Bank; Premium Wear, Inc.; Progressive Directions, Inc.; Prudential Professionals Realty; Retros Classic Arcade; Riverside Auto; Robert Bosch Corporation; Ruffis Johnson and Associates; Sam's Club; Saturn of Clarksville; Starbucks Coffee Company, Madison Street Location; Tabernacle Baptist Church; Taco Bell, Madison Street Location; TBT Construction & Home Improvement, LLC; Tennessee Technology Center; Trane; United Way of the Greater Clarksville Region; U.S. Bank; Vision Realty; Whitson Lumber Company; Winn Materials; YMCA; and Youth Villages; and

WHEREAS, each of these laudable institutions have been instrumental in promoting graduation among Clarksville's youth by adding information about parent-teacher conferences, progress reports, report cards, and other pertinent student information to company newsletters and bulletins; allowing flexible work schedules for students; rewarding academic progress and attendance; providing work study areas and materials for students in the workplace; encouraging employees to become tutors and mentors; and posting billboards and signs which promote graduation; and

WHEREAS, the 100% Graduation Initiative has enjoyed a rousing success with graduation rates rising to 88.3% in 2008 and 90.8% in 2009 and has led to a safer community,

improved quality of life, stronger economy, and a brighter future for the next generation of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this highly ambitious and effective program is worthy of profound admiration and is well deserving of the gratitude and commendation of this General Assembly; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we offer our heartfelt appreciation for the visionary commitment to education embodied in the 100% Graduation Initiative, and we applaud the leadership and exceptional service to the children of Tennessee demonstrated by the governmental, business, and civic leaders in Clarksville and Montgomery County who made this remarkable dream a reality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.